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Art Unit: **2152**
Examiner: **Unassigned**
Agent's File Reference: **9817-06**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims of the subject application by canceling claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 13, and 20-25. Claims 3, 10, 11, and 14-19 remain in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 11, 2002

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.
Applicant is a small entity as defined under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Small Entity Rate	Add'l Fee	Standard Rate	Add'l Fee
TOTAL	9	20	0	x \$9	\$0	x \$1	0
INDEP.	3	3	0	x \$42	\$0	x \$8	0
1st Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				x \$140	\$0	x \$28	
TOTAL					\$0.00	TOTAL	0

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